



STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

Number 47

**AN ORDER TRANSFERRING THE VOLUNTEER RX PROGRAM FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-57-102 authorizes the Department of Health to develop and implement a prescription drug discount plan, known as "Volunteer Rx", in order to provide cost savings on medication to Tennessee citizens who do not have insurance coverage on prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly, by Public Chapter 867 of 2006, signed into law on July 6, 2006, created a series of health care programs for the purpose of meeting the health care needs of Tennesseans, particularly those Tennesseans with low incomes or no access to health insurance. These programs include Access Tennessee, Cover Tennessee and Cover Kids; and

WHEREAS, Public Chapter 867 of 2006 authorizes the Department of Finance and Administration to participate as the lead state agency in the implementation and administration of these programs; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that in the interest of economy, efficiency, and better coordination of the functions of state government, the Volunteer Rx program should be administered by the same state executive branch agency as the health care programs created by Public Chapter 867 of 2006; and

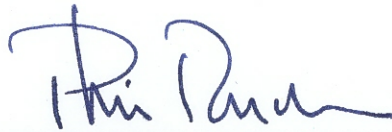
WHEREAS, both the Department of Health and the Department of Finance and Administration are created and established in Tennessee Code Annotated, 4-3-101.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, including Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 4-4-102 and 4-4-117, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. The Volunteer Rx program is hereby transferred and made a part of the Department of Finance and Administration, effective July 1, 2007. This transfer specifically includes the responsibilities for developing, implementing and managing the program detailed in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 57, Part 1.
2. The Commissioner of Finance and Administration, with the assistance of the Commissioner of Health, shall immediately begin the process of implementing this Executive Order No. 47, with such process to be completed in due time.

3. All personal property, equipment and other materials and supplies made available to the Department of Health for use by the Volunteer Rx program shall be transferred to the custody of the Department of Finance and Administration.
4. To the extent that their terms are inconsistent with the terms of this Executive Order No. 47, all previous executive orders are hereby repealed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 28th day of June, 2007.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

